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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application by amending claims 3, 5-7, 11 and 13-16, cancelling claims 1, 2, 4, 8-10, 12 and 20-21, and adding new claims 22-25 which depend from a claim deemed allowable by the Examiner. The claims are set out on the following pages, which are followed by applicants' remarks responsive to the Office Action:

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this Amendment has been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment		(2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Fee Code
Total Claims 14	Minus	19 =	0 X \$ 18	= \$ 0		103
Independent Claims 9	Minus	3 =	6 X \$ 86	= \$516		102
First presentation of multiple dependent claims (\$270)					= \$	104
Total additional fee for this Amendment					\$516	

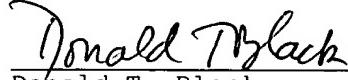
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2. Charge \$516.00 to Deposit Account No. 16-2440 for this Amendment. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
3. Please charge any additional fees which may be required by this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2440. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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